

**REMARKS**

Item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action dated August 17, 2009, is noted. For purposes of clarification, note that Applicants did not file an “amendment and accompanying remarks” on July 7, 2009, having previously filed a Request for Reconsideration on April 15, 2009, referred to as an “Amendment” in Item 1 of the Office Action Summary of the Office Action dated August 17, 2009, Applicants having filed an Information Disclosure Statement on July 21, 2009 (but having filed no paper on July 7, 2009).

Applicants are amending their claims in order to further clarify various aspects of the present invention, so as to facilitate proceedings in connection therewith. Specifically, Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of claim 8 into claim 1; and, in light thereof, have cancelled claims 6 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 8, set forth in Item 8 bridging pages 6 and 7 of the Office Action dated August 17, 2009. As Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of claim 8 into claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as well as all other remaining claims, which are dependent thereon, should now be allowed.

The prior art rejections set forth in Items 5-7 on pages 2-6 of the Office Action dated August 17, 2009, are noted. Such rejections are now moot, in light of incorporation of subject matter of claim 8 into claim 1, and noting that the Examiner did not reject claim 8 in any of Items 5-7 on pages 2-6 of the Office Action dated August 17, 2009.

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, reconsideration and allowance of all claims presently pending in the above-identified application,

including allowance in light of documents cited in the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Kindly charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (case 1303.46565X00), and please credit any overpayments to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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